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From: Sunday, May 18, 2003 7:48 PM
Sent:
To:
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Subject: RE: levovirin prodrugs

Buckwalter, Brian (Inte-Palo)

Dear Joe, Brendan and Brian,
Apologies for the delay in responding. I have been trying to track this down. This is what I have thus far.

I received two bottles with 50 mgs of two prodrugs from Johnson in an envelope (no letter) after I returned from Christmas break in Jan 2002. The envelope was marked as "christmas gift", don't have the envelope. It did have a paper with structures (am trying to track the mother bottles and that piece of paper with structures; should know early late next week)

I handed the two compounds to Al L (our chemist) for characterization before doing an in vivo experiment.



RE: Analysis of
Levovirin pro...

The attached e-mail tells you about the characterization that was done and indeed the compounds were the tosylate salts of a valine ester and an alanine ester. Johnson Lau had also presented PK data on these compounds at a meeting on Sept 5th, 2001.

I have paper copies of the two pieces of data if needed. Julian S should also have a copy.

We did not perform any in vivo experiment since I sought advice from ...

However, by that time the Palo Alto team had been formed and we did not do any experiments on the compounds submitted to us by Lau. I am tracking down the "mother bottles" and paper with structures; will let you know when I have them.

If you or Brian need any further help, please let me know.

Regards
Urvaah

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